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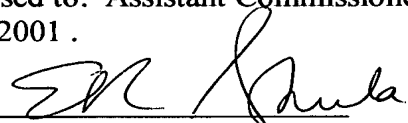
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 25, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

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